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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON LEBANON

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1. I MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY RASHID AL-RASHID SHORTLY AFTER NOON MARCH 19 TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REF. A ON QUESTION OF UNSC CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ON LEBANON. BECAUSE OF MALFUNCTION OF DEPT. COMMUNICATIONS COMPUTER I HAD ONLY RECEIVED BY BEGINNING OF THIS MEETING REF. C WHICH I DREW ON AS BACKGROUND TO THE URGENT REQUEST I MADE FOR GOK SUPPORT FOR UN DRAFT RESOLUTION CONTAINED REF. B.

2. REF. B WAS RECEIVED AND DELIVERED TO ME IN UNDER-SECRETARY'S OFFICE DURING MIDDLE OF OUR MEETING AND I
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WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE AL-RASHID WITH COPY OF DRAFT TEXT OF RESOLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED BY MARCH 19 UNSC MEETING.

3. AL-RASHID INDICATED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH KUWAITI UN PERMREP AMBASSADOR BISHARA, EVEN DURING THE NIGHT. BISHARA'S PROBLEM IS RECEIVING APPROPRIATE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS RELATES TO THE FACT THAT DEFINITE

GOK DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN REACHED. AL-RASHID EXPECTED THAT SUCH DECISION WOULD BE REACHED IN APPROXIMATELY AN HOUR AND A HALF OR ROUGHLY ABOUT 6:30 A.M. NEW YORK TIME. HE SAID HE WOULD INFORM ME OF GOK'S DECISION. (IF HE DOES, THIS WILL BE A DEPARTURE FROM THE USUAL KUWAITI PRACTICE OF NEVER FOLLOWING UP ON DEMARCHES.)

4. I EMPHASIZED TO AL-RASHID THAT DRAFT RESOLUTION HAD LEBANESE CONCURRENCE AND EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT, SINCE IT WAS SATISFACTORY TO LEBANON, KUWAIT SHOULD NOT INTERPOSE ANY OBJECTION, PARTICULARLY SINCE MANY OF THE KUWAITI DESIDERATA HAD ALREADY BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE CURRENT DRAFT.

5. AL-RASHID DECLINED TO INDICATE WHAT FINAL GOK DECISION WOULD BE, BUT INSTEAD EXPRESSED HIS REGRET THAT USG HAD COMPLICATED THE MATTER BY VOTING AGAINST PLO PARTICIPATION IN THE UNSC DELIBERATIONS. HE CONTINUED WITH THE USUAL LITANY ABOUT US LACK OF HUMANITARIAN CONCERN FOR THE PALESTINIAN PLIGHT.

6. RATHER THAN BE DRAWN INTO A FRUITLESS DISCUSSION ON THIS POINT, I EMPHASIZED THAT WHAT WAS NECESSARY NOW WAS TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION IN THE UN TO INSURE AN ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANESE TERRITORY AND, THROUGH THE ROLE OF A UNITED NATION'S INTERIM FORCE, TO INSURE

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THE RETURN OF EFFECTIVE LEBANESE AUTHORITY TO THE AREA. THIS WAS FULLY IN LINE WITH THE DESIRES OF THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT AND IT WAS INCUMBENT UPON THE MEMBERS OF THE UNSC TO PUT AN END AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE PRESENT SITUATION IN SOUTH LEBANON. THEREFORE, I URGED AGAIN THAT THE GOK INSTRUCT ITS UN PERMREP TO VOTE FOR THE CURRENT DRAFT RESOLUTION AS CONTAINED IN REF. C IN ORDER TO HALT HOSTILITIES THERE.

7. IF AL-RASHID DOES INDEED CONVEY GOK DECISION TO ME, I SHALL REPORT IT BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.
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